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SUBJECT: QUAI IMPRESSIONS FROM GISCARD'S POLISH VISIT,
JUNE 17-20

SUMMARY: EMBOFF CALLED ON DANIEL LEQUERTIER, QUAI OFFI-
CER IN CHARGE, EASTERN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS, TO GET MFA'S
IMPRESSIONS OF GISCARD'S TRIP TO POLAND. LEQUERTIER
NOTED FRANCO-POLISH AGREEMENT THAT IT SHOULD BE POSSIBLE
TO HOLD A CSCE SUMMIT MEETING BEFORE THE END OF THE SUM-
MER, STRESSED GOF PREFERENCE FOR A JULY 22 SUMMIT AND
SAID GOF BELIEVES SOVIETS WILL MODERATE THEIR INSISTENCE
ON PERMANENT FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY. LEQUERTIER FORESAW NO
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PROBLEM FOR FRANCE IN CONVINCING ITS EC PARTNERS THAT THE

ECONOMIC ACCORDS SIGNED IN WARSAW DO NOT REQUIRE VETTING BY THE EC COUNCIL, CONFIRMED THAT PRIME MINISTER CHIRAC WILL VISIT ROMANIA AT THE END OF AUGUST, SAID GISCARD WILL VISIT YUGOSLAVIA TOWARD THE END OF 1976 AND COMMENTED ON POLISH SATISFACTION WITH THE IMPROVING STATE OF FRG/POLISH RELATIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. CSCE: LEQUERTIER UNDERSCORED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE GISCARD/GIEREK COMMUNIQUE WHICH EXPRESSED THEIR BELIEF THAT THE SECOND PHASE OF CSCE CAN BE FINISHED IN TIME FOR A SUMMIT MEETING IN HELSINKI "DURING THE COURSE OF THE SUMMER." THREE TIMES RETURNING TO THE POINT, LEQUERTIER NOTED THAT THE GOF BELIEVES THAT CONSULTATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS SHOULD BE BASED UPON CONSIDERATION OF A JULY 22 SUMMIT. QUAI READINGS OF THE POLISH VISIT HAVE CONVINCED THE GOF THAT THE SOVIETS WILL PREFER THE FRUITS OF A RAPID AND SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION TO CSCE (AS "RATIFIED" BY AN EARLY SUMMIT) TO THE RISKS OF HOLDING OUT FOR AGREEMENT ON FOLLOW-ON MACHINERY (WHICH QUAI FEELS SOVIETS NOW REALIZE WOULD BE A CUMBERSOME AND LENGTHY PROCESS).

2. THE FRANCO-POLISH ECONOMIC ACCORDS AND THE EC: ASKED ABOUT THE COMPATIBILITY OF THE ACCORDS WITH THE NEW EC RULES ON COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS, LEQUERTIER POINTED OUT THAT EC COMPETENCE ONLY EXISTS WHERE GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT COMMERCIAL AGREEMENTS ARE INVOLVED. IN THE QUAI'S INTERPRETATION

-- THE QUINQUENNIAL ACCORD ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION SIGNED BY GIEREK AND GISCARD IS A "STATEMENT OF INTENTIONS" WHICH WILL LATER BE FLESHED OUT THROUGH COMPANY-TO-COMPANY AGREEMENTS. GOF PLANS, HOWEVER, TO RAISE THE ACCORD "FOR DISCUSSION" IN THE EC COUNCIL OF PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES;

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-- THE FINANCIAL CONVENTION IS AN EXTENSION OF
CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS DATING FROM GIEREK'S VISIT
TO FRANCE IN 1972 AND AS SUCH IS NOT SUBJECT TO
THE CREDIT HARMONIZATION PROCEDURES NOW BINDING
ON EC MEMBERS;

-- THE AGREEMENT ON FRENCH PURCHASES OF POLISH
COAL, WHILE MENTIONING A SPECIFIC TONNAGE (FOUR
MILLION TONS BY 1983), DOES NOT MENTION A PRICE
AND IS THUS NOT A COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT BY EC
STANDARDS. SINCE FINAL PURCHASE ARRANGEMENTS
WILL BE MADE THROUGH A MIXED FRENCH COMPANY,
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THE COMMERCIAL AGREEMENT WILL BE "OF PRIVATE
CHARACTER."

3. FRG/POLISH RELATIONS: WHEN LEQUERTIER ACCOMPANIED
MFA SAUVAGNARGUES TO WARSAW THREE MONTHS AGO, THE POLES
WERE OPENLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT FUTURE FRG/POLISH RELA-
TIONS. CALLING SCHMIDT A MAN WITH AN "ACCOUNTANT'S
MENTALITY" AND BRANDT A "MAN OF HEART," THE POLES THEN
HAD THOUGHT THE CHANGE FROM BRANDT TO SCHMIDT FORETOLD
A NEW FRG TOUGHNESS ON BILATERAL ISSUES. IN SHARP
CONTRAST, DURING THE GISCARD TRIP POLISH MFA OLSZEWSKI

TOLD SAUVAGNARGUES THAT THE FRG IS SHOWING SIGNS OF BECOMING LESS RIGID AND THAT THE POLES HOPE TO NEGOTIATE THE REMAINING ISSUES IN CONTENTION (WHICH THEY LIMIT TO THE REPATRIATION OF GERMANS LIVING IN POLAND AND TO SOME FRG PAYMENT OF THEIR INDEMNITY CLAIM) IN TIME FOR A JOINT GIEREK/SCHMIDT COMMUNIQUE "DURING THE HELSINKI SUMMIT." THE POLES TOLD SAUVAGNARGUES THAT THE COMMUNIQUE WILL PROBABLY ALLOW FREE EXIT FOR THOSE GERMANS WHO WISH TO LEAVE POLAND; THE INDEMNITY ISSUE WILL BE RESOLVED THROUGH LONG-TERM LOW-COST CREDITS EXTENDED TO THE POLES BY THE FRG--NO MENTION OF THE INDEMNITY ISSUE WILL BE MADE.

4. GOF OFFICIAL VISITS: LEQUERTIER CONFIRMED THAT CHIRAC WILL VISIT ROMANIA AT THE END OF AUGUST AND SAID THAT A GISCARD TRIP TO YUGOSLAVIA WOULD TAKE PLACE TOWARDS THE END OF 1976.
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